

January 9, 1961

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I am certainly looking forward to your article on Maryland Colonial paper money.

I was very satisfied that I was able to have the reprints from the Numismatist include one of your articles. On the merits, many of them should have been in but the rules, as originally set up, made them too long to include. I therefore struggled to have this rule countermanded in your case because you deserved it. I felt it wrong to find thorough and scholarly work a penalty.

As to the 40 shilling note of Connecticut, this counterfeit is described as of British origin in contemporary newspapers and in one of Kenneth Scott's monographs. It was not made in England but was made with British cooperation in America. The picture of it was published along with a genuine one in my article in the British Numismatic Journal for 1959.

I do not happen to have the little Titus County, Texas note which I see you have carefully patched in two places although I do have another denomination of the issue. I am enclosing in exchange for it, for your son's collection, a 1783 Washington Draped Bust and a 1783 Washington Military Bust which I hope are satisfactory for the exchange. Please let me know if this is satisfactory.

I will certainly keep your son in mind for the future and hope he enjoys this type of collecting as well as the rest of us have.

My very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 10, 1960

Mr. Richard Doober
236 Rice's Hill Road
Wynocote, Penna.

Dear Rick:

I am returning herewith four 100 notes of September 26, 1778, all of which appear to be genuine. It is amusing to realize that the genuine notes look much worse than the counterfeits. As far as the James Wilson signatures are concerned, all I can say is that the notes are genuine and if the signatures are forgeries, or amanuenses, that is something for the autograph department to untangle as I am untrained in that field.

I would like to have one of them, for better or for worse, and have retained one you sent. On your cost is "res". Would you tell me what you think is fair for its price. I am returning the other note containing the Wilson autograph.

The one I am returning is marked "very fine" but, actually, is not in that condition.

As to the Connecticut pieces, I am enclosing my check for \$11.50.

My research is going on at a rather fast clip but, unfortunately, I am writing too many articles at one time. I look forward to your article on the Civil War envelopes and I will have a little article in the Scrapbook to straighten out an error which Walter Thompson made in a previous article.

Of all crazy things, I have been diverted by the 1804 dollar situation and am trying to work up enough facts to really expose the full fraud more lucidly. I will try to prove that the dies, as well as the coins, were made up between 1836 and 1840 and that, therefore, the 1804 dollar is a

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Mr. Richard Hooper

capricious unauthorized forgery done by mint employees and should not be listed as a coin of the United States.

It certainly is a shame that we have not met as yet and certainly look forward to that time.

I am on a committee to select articles for the republication of important contributions to the Numismatist and am trying very hard to see that they publish at least one of yours. They seem to have an aversion to long articles but I am satisfied that one or more of your contributions should be in the republication.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC F. FAYAT

EFF/atb

236 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
January 19, 1960.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your very nice letter, and I always enjoy them, as they are so informative. A chap, with whom I have had correspondence over many years, earlier wrote that it was his opinion that some of the writers, or note signers, had others to do some of the signing for them, on the vague theory they suffered writer's cramp, I guess! However, I can find little to substantiate the theory at this time.

I had a nice letter from Brad, and don't know when the article on enveloped postage stamps will appear, but I know his problems of space and time, and never even offer any suggestions to him on that account, for he is doing a bang-up job, and it's tough enough without contributors bothering him with minute details that mean practically nothing. I've been at work on the Md. paper money; have it about finished now, except for final draft, but it again, is showing every appearance of being lengthy, but on these colonial articles I do insist upon having illustrations made of a note of each issue available for posterity's sake, if for no other, as too many future collectors will in all likelihood never see some of those early issues, which are so very rare.

I had another recent note from Mrs. Boyd, informing me she would write soon in some detail about her husband's collection. Have you heard anything pertaining to it in recent months? There are some people I would not want to ask about it, especially those boys in N.Y., and although I know the collection quite well, which was in 58 large volumes, I could only handle it on some kind of a consignment basis! How would you like to have a very nice note of Mass. 1690 issue? Need I ask?

Regarding the note you retained of the 1778 C.C. issue, you may have it for \$4.00, which I think is reasonable enough. Among your Penna. notes, have you ever come across one signed by George Clymer? He would have signed an issue right about the 1771 issue, give or take a year or two as far as issues are concerned. I had two at one time, and although I tried to get the one back when the chap sold his collection, was unsuccessful. Here enclosed is an unusual item, with Hopkinson signature; have you seen this before. Picker sent it to me in trade for some common issues, etc., he wanted for stock. Many years ago, Harstow had a few of them, and all were taken by my Chicago correspondent.

Boy! I don't know how you do get the difficult problems untangled the way you do! That 1804 dollar piece will really be an epic, and only wish I could help you. If there is anything I can do here, where the Historical Society and Philosophical Society libraries are located, let me know, and will keep my eyes open for any possible information I might pass on for your use.

You are indeed kind to want to include one of my earlier articles in the republication plan of the ANA, but, if it is not feasible, that is quite understandable, if space is of primary importance in selections.

I had a list, now mislaid, of signers of C.C. notes, and believe that the Jas. Wilson, who signed as such, was the signer of the Declaration

of Independence and Penna. notes, while the signer of the C.C. notes, signed J. Wilson, was was a different individual. If you have Phillips handy, it may show up in that, but I cannot recall definitely.

Well, here are some other items for your inspection, and you can look them over at your leisure (although I'm not sure that as busy as you are you ever have any leisure time at all!). With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

February 5, 1960

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

It is very nice for you to offer to help in connection with the 1804 dollar matter and I certainly will feel free to call on you if I need something.

As to the James Wilson signature, I am almost sure that the one who signed the Continental notes was a different man as the autograph is different from the autograph given in the "Narrative and Critical History of America", by Windsor. I am returning it herewith.

I am also returning herewith all of the other items which you sent as I had them in my collection previously. I do have a note signed by George Clymer.

I had a little fun with an article on the Nova Constellatio recently published in the Scrapbook. The material which Walter Thompson wrote speculating as to the source of the coppers bothered me so much that I sat down and tried to give the facts without insulting him. I find that the writing today is in a great part not only poor but completely disrespectful of all the past work done by other men. Many of the writers copy material of previous writers and don't even bother with a footnote. When it comes to die varieties all they are interested in is getting their own name on the die varieties and eliminating the work of the previous men on the subject. I am sure you are familiar with my complaint.

My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EP/atb

236 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
February 25, 1960.

Dear Eric:

Well, here I am back again and I guess you are busy with a new numismatic venture of some sort. Last week I acquired a nice collection of Greek and Roman silver and bronze, and so, I too, get side-tracked with attributing and classifying those items, and that is fun too, for one never knows what will be uncovered. The study of some of those mints is difficult for me, but every day I learn something new, and in fact, I'm trying to learn Latin at home. I have a passing knowledge of it from association with those early coins, but I have some old references published from 1690 to about 1710, in Latin, on ancient numismatics. And one in particular I would like to translate pertaining to the coinage of the Ptolemys of Egypt.

Prices in that field too a difficult to determine. I was in a shop, and asked to see the ancients. In one envelope was a tetradrachm of Syracuse, of the early archaic style, in about fine condition, priced at \$70.00, while I have four here, all at least as nice, and one is really ex. fine, priced for a lot less than that! So, that causes some difficulty in pricing without the benefit of standard cat. prices. We should get together and issue a good cat. on them! Had a letter from J. Windler, who buys ancients from me, wondering if I would like to join a group interested in ancients, stating further that you too were a member, which came as something of a surprise, for I thought you were strictly a colonial addict. A goodly portion of the many ancients I have I got from Boyd a few years ago, and all were really nice, including nice Messana tetradrachms and many others. If you would like to see some of them let me know, for I don't want to bother sending you any unless you so desire.

Here are a few very nice Penna. notes recently acquired, and was delighted to get them in such nice condition, for most are really poor, but I thought perhaps some might be an improvement or perhaps have different signatures or plate letters. In that connection, I had a letter from Mrs. Boyd only yesterday, asking me to give some thought to some kind of a permanent memorial to Mr. Boyd's memory, and stating also that much of his material has been praised and packed away, but no definite indication as to what would be done with it finally. I've made some suggestions, but I suppose Ford has, as has been rumored, the "inside track," but I couldn't hope to swing such a deal, unless manna dropped from Heaven!

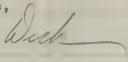
Would you remember what issue of Penna. and denomination too, was signed by Clymer, which you mentioned as having? Freeman never saw one, although I told him I had two some years ago, and sold the one to a local bank here, and the other to Edgar Mason in N.Y. Did you by any chance buy that one in Stack's sale? I wrote to Mason asking him to sell it back again at his price, but he turned me down, and I think it brought \$16 in the sale, if memory serves me correctly. I think I had bid \$15 by mail!

Regarding the J. Wilson signature enigma, I had a letter from a chap who acquired

a receipt re: CC was a printed form with blank spaces filled in with the handwriting of Hillegas, and in handwritten words it states that Samuel Massay and James Ash turned over to Hillegas one hundred sheets of C.C. amounting to \$13,000.00, and in printing it states, "Signed and numbered by them in pursuance of the Resolutions of Congress, of the 22nd of July, 1776." So, it appears that only the designated signers actually did sign the notes, and did not employ substitutes to do the nasty job, as this chap thought earlier.

Well, I guess that's about all for the nonce. I guess I have kept you from more interesting use of your time, and will sign off promptly. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick", followed by a long, sweeping horizontal flourish that extends to the right.

March 25, 1960

Mr. Richard Woobor
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

It was nice of you to send me the miscellaneous Colonial notes.

This fellow, Windler, who wants you to join a so-called "elite" organization of the student-type of numismatists, used to live here in St. Louis. They asked me to join, originally, because of my interest in the American field. I know almost nothing about antiques.

I suggested to Mrs. Boyd setting up a permanent memorial to Freddie's memory when I saw her shortly after his death but at that time it was too early for her to give consideration as to what to do.

You mentioned a receipt for signing Continental currency and I am enclosing a photocopy of one which was submitted to me. I was asked \$20.00 for the item, which I felt was out of line in view of the fact that there must be a large pile.

I had all the notes which you sent me, although some are not in as good condition, except the 60 shilling of 1769 of which I have a counterfeit so I am paying you for this item and returning the others which I have.

I certainly look forward to meeting you and it should take place some day soon as my daughter is at Bryn Mawr and we will want to visit her whenever the opportunity arises.

Sincerely,

ERIC F. SEWMAN

EBB/atb

236 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
April 5, 1960.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your ever-welcome letter and the photostat of the receipt, and such minute bits of evidence and data continue to add to the meagre evidence and events surrounding the emissions of the colonial notes, and help us all to get a more complete picture of the money of that era. I have been expecting to receive a letter from Mrs. Boyd almost every day now, but none has been forthcoming, and feel sure that Ford is "in" so to speak!

I have before me a crisp unc. specimen (the only one known, I believe) of Criswell No. 345, Essay note of the CSA, priced at \$2,000.00. I know of one other but not as nice as this one. The \$1,000.00 Montgomery note, and there are a few of them around, is selling for \$1,500.00 and upward, while this is much rarer, and I should think, this is well worth the price for a really discriminating specialist collector. So, if you want it let me know; I could absorb about \$500.00 in trade, but no more, as I cannot lay out the money for it to just keep it until someone wants it in the future.

You asked about N.C. notes in an earlier letter, and I just didn't get around to send you them at the time, so I'll enclose these for you to look over now, and a few other items of interest, which may appeal to you. I don't know if I asked you about your Clymer note before or not. What issue was it that he signed of Penna.? Did you get it in a sale from Stack's some 4 or 5 years ago? Just interested, as I tried to get it back from Mason at that time, and he was afraid he wouldn't get top dollar, whereas I would have given more than it apparently went for in the sale. He was going to sell it any way, and I had sold him a number of notes over several years' time, but memories are short, and hurrah for me, etc.!

Our weather definitely turned balmy yesterday, thank goodness! We had a typical April day with humid warm day, threatening clouds in the early afternoon, with an April shower to make it completely April. Our forsythia bushes are ready to pop now, and can't wait to get out and dig in the yard. And, then with trout season in the Poconos opening on the 15th, I hope I can make it up there for a week-end with the family. I'll get none, while my son, will have a full creel, and humiliate me. As in gold; a few years ago, we were playing together, and on the last hole, he had a hole-in-one, and now, whenever I tell him to keep his head down, left arm straight, or some such instructions, he looks at me and says. "Dad, did you ever have a hole-in-one?" So, there I am out in the field, with the ball sailing over the fence!

Well, I guess that's all for the nonce. I hope you aren't working too hard. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

April 11, 1960

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 McE's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Unfortunately I have all of the bank notes and State issues forwarded in your letter of April 5, 1960, and am returning the same herewith. Thank you for sending them to me.

As far as the \$20 Essay USA note is concerned, I have a nice one in my collection and did have a duplicate which someone traded away from me many years ago. They are probably not even legitimate but suckers will pay anything for anything that an elaborate story can be built around.

I am working right now on the 1804 dollar and, brother, when I finish my work, I will prove that it is the first counterfeit of the United States dollar and has the unique distinction of having been made in the mint.

You asked about the notes which Clymer signed and so far as I know the only issue which he signed is June, 1764.

I certainly wish we could meet as we would have so much of interest in common.

With best wishes for the Easter Season,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. WERNER

EPW/tb

236 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.

May 2, 1960.

Dear Eric:

Well, I guess spring has stormed the bastions of St. Louis in the same manner she attacked us- with a sudden rush of warmth, sunny skies, bursting magnolias, forsythias, daffodils, and not dogwoods and azaleas, attacking from all sides. There is no escape! I'm trapped, working in the newly devised vegetable garden and watching the radishes, lettuce, beans, beets, cucumbers, etc., growing at the rate of an inch or more per diem.

But, it is the wonderful season for my part; I love every lilac-scented second I can be out-of-doors, watching the birds, including a nice fat cock pheasant treading warily across the rear lawn, hoping I haven't discovered his presence. It's a good thing our retriever was indoors, or we may have had an out-of-season bird!

Wow! I really was carried away, wasn't I? I sound like "nature boy," or some long-haired eccentric, but I trust such is not the case.

Have you finished your investigation into the 1804 dollar? I have just a few pages remaining for the final draft of the Md. colonial paper money article, thank goodness! It has hung over my head beyond all reason. I suppose my trouble is lack of concentration on one article at a time, whereas, actually, I start a number of things, pick up what suits my fancy at the moment, and I'm off on a tangent into some interesting phase of ancient coins.

I've selected some other items you might like to look over, and at any rate, I hope my sending them will cause you no inconvenience.

Would you perchance know of a chap in St. Louis, C. Allan Tritschler? His father before him was connected with Ely-Walker, which firm I suppose you know all about. We were very close friends up to 1930, when he moved back to St. Louis, and we have lost track of one another, but think often of him, and wondering what he is doing!

Well, I guess that's about all the trivia for the nonce. A rainy Sunday kept me indoors, and able to catch up on some of my belated correspondence. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially,
Dick

May 27, 1960

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I could not find your friend, Tritschler, in the telephone book, although there are several by that name here. If you know the name of his father, I could inquire. The names of the other Tritschlers are:

Edward Tritschler
Edward A. Tritschler
Edward J. Tritschler
John Tritschler
John L. Tritschler
John O. Tritschler
Leo E. Tritschler
Louis E. Tritschler
Marie A. Tritschler
P. L. Tritschler
Walter E. Tritschler
Wilbur Tritschler

I have all of the items which you sent me but, nevertheless, cannot resist the uncirculated 5 shilling of 1771 for which check for \$9.50 is enclosed.

This does not count as a letter.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

E N/atb

236 East 11th Street
August 19, 1880

Dear Sir

I have been thinking of you very much lately of the last meeting
in which we met as we have had some time and, what with
my work, business on the paper is the consequence. I have
been a long time up my correspondence. I have been
infinitely indebted to you for the many things you have
sent off to me. I have been in the hands of all kinds of
people and they are the only ones who have been

There are a few more questions that you may like to see
and at least they are interesting and some.

Also, they are all kinds of things I have any number of
kind to trade, or to be interested in. I have not
written.

I hope everything is well with you and that you
will receive these promptly with kindest regards
in return.

Truly yours,
Wm. L. G. W.

Mr Richard Hooker
1629 Race St
Phila 8 Pa

Dear Dick —

Just returned from a vacation to find your nice letter. Glad you ~~are~~ have completed Maryland finances. I am working on ^{the} Bungtown origin and Black Doggs as coins.

I have the currency you sent but do not collect lottery tickets so I ~~am~~ ^{am} returning the group herewith.

I hope to come to see you whenever I can visit my daughter at Bryn Mawr.

Thanks for thinking of me.



September 15, 1960

Mr. Edward Jenner
1015 East Street
Wilmington 1, Penna.

Dear Dick -

I've returned from a vacation to find your nice letter. Glad you were acquainted Maryland. Thanks. I am waiting for the new town origin and Black people as being.

I have the currency you sent but do not collect letter. Thanks as I am returning the group letter.

I hope to come to see you whenever I can visit my daughter at Bryn Mawr.

Thanks for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

ERIC V. YENMAN

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Dear Eric:

You have no idea how much I enjoyed your recent letter, and how very kind and generous concerning the reprinting of my articles in the pages of the "Herald". It is a "long time" for me, and will serve as a stimulus for future work on my part. I shall be glad to receive your reflections from your own articles on my subjects, and I consider the most important thing of all so far to discover by such this new generation of so-called collectors what the right and proper kind of numismatics, and away from the old-fashioned "hoards" to the hobby must have.

Yes, I am an amateur collector, and although a self-declared and uninterested collector for some time, has found in a serious study on his part. He had a real offer, attributing a 1786 coin last week, but I let him off, for I fear that in the past I was trying to be too encouraging and too helpful, for the real fun is in the learning, not the receiving only, of one's favorite field. It is a pleasure to write that at the present time, he will party on.

The coins you sent in trade were entirely acceptable, I assure you. I must both ways at that! As soon as I received your letter, we appropriated them for our own. We have had a lot of fun looking, and I think so many good relations like could be fostered if the owners would only give a little time to developing interest in a hobby in which both Father and son could engage.

I'm sure the two best numismatic officials at the present time, but due to a sudden death in the family last week, more important things have arisen with the responsibility of a man in even more than a. And, worse luck, this point is one that I never was able to photograph or at several visits to "C.I.C." from in the past, N.J.

I must stop here for this letter as intended as intended. As soon as it is ready, I shall send for a copy, and I shall finish something off about your last accomplishment at the end of the morning. And this, writing all around the open book as I do, - which took time as long as in a week, I'm really exhausted this morning, but will get this off to you first thing in the morning.

Here are the two items not previously sent to you, which you may like to inspect at your leisure, and I am sure it is well that you, and that you aren't written too hard. In your collection, I consider the most important, including one of the most valuable, which I consider as 1786, which has one of the best in the lower right corner of the reverse of the last note, date, 1786, and 1786. With kindest regards, I remain,

Truly yours,

Rich

February 7, 1961

Mr. Richard Hooper
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I am returning the paper money which you were nice enough to send me on January 14 with the exception of the two unsigned notes without an issuer. I am enclosing a North America token which I believe ought to be of equivalent value.

I presume you saw the interesting Vermont article which Weissbuch published and he refers to your previous article on the subject. It is published in the University of Iowa Journal.

We are all covered over with snow and it seems that I spend all of my time struggling with getting the cars to work.

We just must meet some time soon and I hope that I have occasion to come to Philadelphia.

Cordially yours,

ED: C. F. NEWMAN

AKB/atb

236 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.
February 11, 1961.

Dear Eric.

Thank you for your nice letter, and the North American Token is entirely acceptable; Dick is building his sets of large & half cents and the colonial coppers slowly, but trying for quality within reason, as far as his limited means are concerned. But, we've had great fun together, and last eve I was busy photographing some N.H. notes, and then he began doing the same with some of his large cents.

Harley Freeman sent me a group of N.H. notes to use as illustrations along with the article, together with some of the early reprints. I just cannot remember whether Boyd had all of the early issues in his collection or not. He appeared to have almost everything else, and I did take a photo of his 1690 Mass. note, but do you think I can locate that elusive negative? I usually try to keep things pretty well together and in order, but that one just continues to plague me, for I know I'll never have the opportunity to do another. I still don't know what Mrs. Boyd intends doing about his collection; she wrote to me last year that it was all packed, appraised, etc., but guess that if it does come out, Ford will be well ahead of the pack, whereas I refuse to ask her about it eager though I may be to do so. She asked me about some kind of a permanent tribute to her husband, and I gave her some suggestions, about which I've heard nothing since. I don't suppose you have had any information via the grapevine, have you?

I remember so well when he got the collection from Chapman, and he had a pile of uncut sheets on a desk one day, and when I remarked how interesting they were (which was in my very early days of sharpened interest for the colonial notes, he took off a sheet of uncut Delaware's of 1776, and one each of the Rhode Islands of 1780 and 1786, and gave them to me. I found out later that the illustration used by Rodney in his work on Delaware notes, that the sheet used for illustration was the same one Boyd had given me! The numbers were identical, and Rodney acknowledged Chapman's kindness in loaning some notes for purposes of illustration; what a coincidence that was!

No, I didn't know about the Vt. article by Weissbuch. I wonder if I would write to him, it might be possible to acquire a copy. I like to keep whatever I can on desired subjects together in one loose-leaf book. That is what I do with the Numismatist copies; I cut out what articles I want, and use loose-leaf books. Of course, I ruin the magazine by so doing, but I get tired of looking through pages of useless ads, etc., seeking some reference. It works out fine for me. All the articles on colonial notes are together, the same for colonial coins, etc.

Sunny weather has prevailed the last two days; the first of the winter, which has already set several records for extreme cold, snow, and sustained cold for this area. I can hardly wait to witness Spring's arrival. I fear, however, that too many of my cherished azaleas, rhododendrons, laurel, and other carefully tended plants, are going to be permanently damaged as a result of the heavy falls of snow that have weighed them down severely. But, Nature has her own ways of healing people and plants, if we only let her assume charge of the operation.

Here are some other items for your inspection, and no harm done if you already possess them (as I'm sure you do in most cases), but constantly keep you in mind whenever anything nice turns up here. With kindest regards, and many thanks from us both, I remain,

Cordially yours,

AIR 
MAIL

February 16, 1961

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Your very nice letter of February 11 is appreciated but, unfortunately, I have all of the paper money items included in it. Keep trying as God knows where the holes are in my collection. I am returning the items you sent.

There is another 1690 Massachusetts note in the Essex Institute College, in Salem, Massachusetts and if worse comes to worse you can always have that photographed. There ought to be a photograph of that note in one of the Massachusetts publications on currency written by Davis.

The Boyd situation is just exactly as you stated. There are a few of us who Mrs. Boyd realizes were friendly with Fred and she sincerely would like to do something in his memory. However, this seems to be a slow process and my guess is that they are waiting until the Statute of Limitations is run on the Estate Taxes so that there can be no claim on the valuation of the paper money.

Please be sure to write Weissbuch, at the University of Iowa, and he will send you a copy of the article he wrote.

I do not cut up my Numismatists but merely make memoranda of the articles and put those in my miscellaneous files. Sometimes I photostat them if they are important enough.

I have found a very interesting reference on Colonial finance written by Nettels entitled "Money Supply of the American Colonies Before 1720". You could get it from the library but I am trying to purchase a copy from the University of Wisconsin as they might still have them on hand even though it was published in 1934.

My daughter is very happy in Bryn Mawr and that gives me tremendous satisfaction. She sincerely loves the work and not being as bright as the others is apparently doing exceedingly well due to her stability. If she did not have a devoted boy friend perhaps it would not be as easy.

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February 16, 1961

Mr. Richard T. Hooper

I am delighted that your son is making progress and that must be a great satisfaction to you. My son is just beginning to show some interest in my collection and I have my fingers crossed that it will take hold. He does not have the collector's instinct, but he is interested in the historical aspect, which is even more satisfying.

My most cordial greetings.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your nice letter, and it was a real harbinger of Spring! The week-end here was warm, melting our accumulated snow rather completely, and I look forward to so much work to be done in the yard and garden, for last year I vowed to enlarge my vegetable garden, and also want to move about 20 small dogwood trees from their birthplace to various locations before they become too big, for they are one of our most difficult trees to transplant when they reach a fair size.

Where is the University of Iowa located? Is it Ames? I would like to write to the Professor Weissbuch, whom you mentioned earlier. I also thank you for your mention of Nettels work, which I think I will endeavor to borrow. There is a reproduction of the 1690 Mass. note also in McKay's monograph of the ANS, but had hoped to find my own negative of the other note. But, in the event I cannot locate it, will copy it from McKay's article.

I think perhaps your son's interest might be stimulated much as my son's was, if he would get a coin cabinet and see the various items laid out visually and he would, perhaps, find greater interest. I think it would be particularly true of ancient coins, or series that do not run true to one type, such as colonial coins. Lick, Jr., came in Saturday afternoon, after scouting around all day visiting coin shops unloading those coins he no longer wants to keep, and brought back a fine 1794 half cent, and an 1811 that is ex. fine, with much red surface. It is a real beauty- all acquired in trade for mercury dimes, buffalo nickels, etc.! As your son is developing a historical awareness, I would be inclined to encourage the Roman series first, then Greek perhaps, leaving Byzantine for some future time. I have found that when I've tried to push too hard in the direction with which I am most familiar, I've lost more than I've gained, and perhaps by association with history, your son will find great interest in that way.

I'm working on the N.E. series now, and have finished photographing the notes for the article. I want to publish all the articles done up to the present time, which would include Penna., N.J., Vt., Md., and now N.H., also Va., and with current prices for all notes of all colonies. But, I haven't gotten too far on that phase as I'm not sure just how I want to do it. Mostly, I would want to get the opinions of experts like you, Herley Freeman, and a few others, weigh their judgment of present-day values, and then attempt to evaluate all notes in good, fine and crisp condition (where such are available). The 1955 Raymond catalogue is too out-of-date to be sure, but don't want to price things too high either, although there is no doubt they will continue their slow rise each year.

Here are some other items you might like to look over. I'll keep you in mind for anything exciting, and I am supposed to get some scrip from the Indian Territory, which are extremely rare, and from reports I have, are not in the Chase collection, not even illustrations. So, I'll wait and see what happens. I hope all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

March 16, 1961

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
Hooper & Null Company
1629 Race Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

Your interesting letter is at hand. I recently went to Worcester and visited the American Antiquarian Society. I see you have obtained information there. I am making a copy of their index for my own library; you can borrow it if you wish.

I am looking forward to your New Hampshire article.

The address of Professor Weissbuch is University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

If you get a hold of any Indian Territory pieces, please let me know. There are some warrants floating around which are very questionable as currency, but there must be some other script items also.

Excuse the brevity of this note, but I am terribly involved.

Unfortunately, I had all of the paper money you sent, and I am returning it; but don't let that stop you from sending more.

Cordially yours,

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, etc., and it is a good thing I have finished as much as I have with articles, for now that the warmer days are here again, and the bright prospect of being able to work in the yard longer as the days lengthen, I'm afraid some of the winter's fun will have to share some time with gardening! But, like the changing seasons in our section of the country, that is what makes it so interesting and not monotonous.

Yes, over some years I've had correspondence with Clarence Brigham at Worcester, Mass. The National Geographic magazine carried an article several years ago about Mass., and included were pictures of him and the Society's quarters. He wrote a wonderful book about Paul Revere's engravings. I bought a copy, and it is really well done, containing excellent reproductions of Revere's work, many on colored plates, as well as notes, etc.

This enclosed note is the only specimen I've ever seen of the Indian Territory, although I know of one or two others that do exist. But, I've never seen the warrants of which you wrote. But, all such pieces are quite rare, and I don't think Chase collection even has a photograph for their records.

I will certainly write to Prof. Weissbuch; each new avenue of correspondence is always interesting to explore, and I find I learn something from the letters I receive. That is what makes our common interest such a fascinating one. I meet such nice people!

Yes, the photography part of N.H. is finished; I could only wish the final draft was also completed. But, Brad hasn't published the last two articles submitted, and haven't had any word as to when he expects to do so, although I am sure he is always up to his ears in work.

Here are a few other items that may appeal to you; no hurry about their being returned. I just keep sending things unsent before. Yes, I would like to copy down the index you made if it doesn't involve too much work on your part. That is something I have never done, but never did.

I do hope all is well with you, and that you aren't working too hard these balmy days. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

4-22-61 R.T.H. to E.C. Hooper

March 23, 1961

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road (1629 Race St. Phila.).
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Your letter of March 21, 1961 did not include
the Indian Territory note which you said you
were enclosing. The other enclosures are all
accounted for.

Sincerely,

ERIC F. NEWMAN

E.F./etb

236 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
March 31, 1961.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and it was my intention to include this note along with those sent previously, but it just crept off under some correspondence, and wasn't located until after I had mailed the letter to you!

I've really been very busy with my spring painting business the last few weeks; every day brings numerous inquiries for estimates and jobs to be started; the miserable winter is about past, and the budding forsythias, etc., cause everyone to want work done at once it seems.

I had a very nice letter from Ted Weissbuch, who appears to be very much interested in the colonial series of notes and coins, and also sent me a copy of the Vermont publication, which I enjoyed. I'm going to check through some records to see if I was wrong, or if the Numismatist made a typographical error in the denominations. I believe he is a very thorough student (like you) of anything he teackles, and applauded his correction, for, like you, I too dislike errors, especially on my part!

So, here is the notes in question, and I'll get this off to you pronto in the morning. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick", followed by a long, sweeping horizontal flourish that extends to the right margin.

April 20, 1961

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I am writing two little articles for the Notes to be published by ANS and have been trying to get certain data from England in order to complete them. I am trying to help Smithsonian Institution with respect to engineering and scientific items which appear on coins and paper money and, above all, I am trying to hold my job. It is hard to juggle all of these things at once.

I did not want to keep your notes any longer, particularly the McAlester, Oklahoma scrip note which is a nice item but is priced so far beyond in value what it is worth to me that I am forced to return it. The only item I do not have is the \$20 Southwest Railroad Bank which is punched with 16 holes. I will try to find an equivalent for this if you give me a little longer.

My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC S. NEWMAN

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236 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
April 26, 1961.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I'm glad you found one note you wanted to keep from that last lot; I never know what you can use, and hate to send a lot of unwanted items to you, but keep trying!

I do not know if you are interested in the fractional series or not, but thought perhaps you might like to look these over at any rate. I don't have very many, except a few rarities. But, they are in good demand, if you want any.

The engineering & scientific motifs appearing on notes and coins, would be quite a difficult field, I should think. Some few British tokens might fit in that category, and some notes, such as the allegorical series on the Educational notes, might also be desirable, but there my knowledge of such a specialty comes to a sudden halt!

I'll check through my group of obsolete notes, and perhaps find something suitable, but I have little hopes of such.

I've been very busy too, and all last week suffered agony from an attack of some virus. It ran amuck through our family, my gal in the office, and my mother and several relatives, all living up-state, and all abed for a week as a result. It has been difficult to regain my strength; each day I begin to poop out about 1 P.M. or so, but I do feel a bit stronger every day, so perhaps it is on the wane! I just haven't had the pep to get out in the garden and work as I like to do, although I did get some vegetables planted last week-end, but it was a real chore to do it.

I hope all is well with you, and will be looking forward eagerly to your forthcoming articles. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dick", followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

236 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
July 27, 1961.

Dear Eric:

On April 27th, I sent you four fractional currency notes; #1239, 1244a(?), 1305, # 1334, and haven't heard a word from you since then. I was wondering about them, and would like to get the matter cleared up. Naturally, there is no hurry about them, but I always seem to have so much outstanding that it causes some problems for me to keep them arranged and under control.

I also acquired some additional fractional notes, and was wondering if they might appeal to you, and will be glad to send you what I have if you wish. You also stated that you would try to send me something in trade for the \$20 Southwest R.R. Bank note I had sent earlier to you. Did you pick up any other colonial coins, half or large cents I could use, or even ancient coins? I've been having difficulty obtaining decent material in recent months, and very little has turned up in the colonial note field either, although I did get some fairly common ones, but I am sure you already have them in better condition.

I have been hoping that our good editor, Brad, would have published my article on Maryland paper money, but thus far, no success, but I know how busy he is all the time, and especially with the convention looming over the horizon, leaves little time right now for routine matters. I've about finished the latest on New Hampshire notes, and want to get it off soon, and also have taken the necessary shots for illustrations to be included therein, so again, I guess it may get in for next year's competition in the year's articles!

I've been very busy lately; my mother died earlier this month, I've been making arrangements to move my office from the city to my home, where I will have more freedom and time better used than driving each day 15 miles in this ungodly traffic, and yet do more actual work than at present, at lower costs. Evenings, until dusk, are occupied in my vegetable garden, working in the yard, keeping up with correspondence, etc., so you can see I haven't been exactly idle. My son has been with his reserve unit these past two weeks, and will be glad when that is finished and he can help me again in business, now that his wedding is over, and settling down to working.

I do hope all is well with you, and drop me a line when you can and let me know about the fractionals. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



August 11, 1961

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

The \$20 Railroad Banknote is enclosed herewith as I had it in my drawer and forgot about it. I cannot find any reference to the fractional notes you speak of for the moment but it is perfectly possible it can be in my mound of numismatic papers. I have been overwhelmed with correspondence due to my coming talk at the ANA Convention on the 1804 Dollar and have been in Africa for the summer so that everything is piled up on me.

In any event, let me have a breather until I can see what the situation is.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EP*/atb

August 14, 1961

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

You will be relieved to know that in a pile of unanswered mail on numismatic matters I located the fractional notes you sent me. I believe that I have all of them and am returning them herewith.

I am very sorry to be so negligent after you have been so nice but I hope you realize I have a gigantic amount of numismatic correspondence because of my research and the talk I am giving in Atlanta has involved me in a tug-of-war. Everyone is telling me what they want me to say and what they don't want me to say. I will not stultify myself and am going to drop an atomic bomb; possibly it will be written up in the magazines after the convention.

I am sorry for the agitation I have caused by neglecting your kind letter but I am so glad that I found it. I usually don't lose anything but I certainly hide things where it takes a long time to find them.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

E#N/atb

336 Gibe's Mini Wood, Lyncois, Penna.,
August 2, 1961.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I feel just terrible about the fractional I sent you April 27th. According to my records they were: F.1226, F.1244a(c), F. 1302, F. 1334. The unspelled second item, was my own numbering, as it was unlisted by Friedberg, with only partial reversed surcharge. I do hope you will be able to find them among your papers, but I won't expect an answer until some time after the ANS Convention, as I can understand just how busy you are at this time.

I am sure your discourse will be received admirably, and know you must have exerted a terrific amount of love's labor upon the several drafts you must have made prior to compilation, and am anxiously awaiting its being published in the Numismatist sometime in the near future. I hope it is done more quickly than my recent one on Maryland colonial paper money! That has been pigeon-holed for some reason or other, and suppose the accompanying illustrations will become mislaid, and the whole thing fouled up!

I'm a bit skeptical about seeing in the latest on New Hampshire colonial paper money; I may decide to let the ANS have it for a change if I don't soon get some action. I've had some interesting correspondence with Ted Weissbuch, of the University of Iowa recently, and he too, appears to be a serious student, like yourself, in the field of colonial Americana. He has sent some material to the Fuld's to have re-printed, and the, in turn, have been writing frequently regarding Maryland emissions, etc.

I certainly will be thinking of you during your stay in Atlanta, and hope you will have a wonderful time. I only wish I could have been able to come down, but what with business here, selling my office property in town and clearing up the place in order to have an early settlement, and my mother's death recently up-state, I've had just about all I can handle right now. My vegetable garden requires constant attention, the lawn must be cut frequently, and so I'm stuck here close to my work.

No rush about answering this, and hope all is well with you. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

August 2, 1962

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Your article on Maryland Colonial Currency
History was excellent. Congratulations.

Sincerely,

ERIC F. FENNER

E.F./atb

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Dear Eric:

Thanks for your nice letter, and I've just about had it as far as this contracting business goes! At least, my own efforts alone will be reflected in what I can do; I don't have to coax and push and then after a year's worry, find little or no profit to encourage me. I feel that there is a place for numismatics rather than the speculative group buying rools and bags, proof sets by the hundreds, and one just has to read the ads in all publications; there is so little quality items around. Time alone will tell how I succeed.

I would appreciate coins or notes in trade for any items I send you; I always keep you at the top of my list when I acquire anything decent. So, I can use most anything you don't want to retain for yourself, that I can turn over at a bit of profit. I did get a nice small collection of crisp fractional currency recently, and intend to make up a small ad for the March Numismatist. The February issue has a number of very nice ancients I have on hand, so I will require some time to renew old contacts in the field, and receive some new ones (I hope!) in response to it.

My son left Saturday, where he and his frau will visit my sister in Coral Gables until Thursday, and then he intends to go to Clearwater for the FUN show. He is deeply interested in this thing we have started, and already has run a couple of small mail sales in Coin World; I leave that phase strictly to him, and I will fool with the off-beat things.

No, I will not submit my article for some time; I appreciate your having sent me the manuscript of yours, and I may, in turn, submit mine to you in turn. I want this one to be super duper, and have toyed with the idea of adding in with the Appendix, a more modern catalogue of values. What would you advise in that regard? I don't think I will use more than one illustration of each issue; the best I can get of course. I do have nice 1723 and later illustrations, but may be missing an issue or two, so will check that out with you later.

How have you fared with Harley? Of course, my first love is the colonial note field, and if you have duplicates of any, except the 1780 and 1786 Rhode Island, and the Penna. issues of 1773 to 1777, I can use quite a few. Connecticut notes move very slowly, and shy away from them a bit too. We did get a nice half cent collection recently also, including a very fine, lightly colored 1802, and many are XF to Unc..

Of course, I would like to get some Vermont, Georgia, North & South Carolina, New Hampshire, and Virginia notes (in that order); a bushel basket of each will do! Well, I'll get this off to you right away, and I will make up a list of what Penna. items I have, etc., and send it out to you very soon. I don't really know how to incorporate this information into my article, however, as I've been much too vague and non-technical in the past, and perhaps you can suggest some suitable arrangement, etc.

Again, many thanks for your past favors, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

March 18, 1963

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

It has been a long time since I have corresponded with you and I hope you are well and devilish. I have been working on Colonial paper money toying with the idea of trying to work up a proper listing of it, all with a reasonable amount of description. You have done so much on the historical background and the study of the notes that I am wondering if you have tried to develop the known note issues. The problem is that certain issues were authorized and never issued and other issues were never authorized but were issued. In addition there ^{are} ~~are~~ strange varieties which have never been published.

You once told me that you had pictures of all of the unusual pieces in Fred's collection and no doubt you have used these in your many wonderful articles.

My daughter graduates on June 3 from Bryn Mawr and I will be there. Nothing would please me more than to have the opportunity of seeing you for a little while during my stay and discussing Colonial paper money. In the meantime would you tell me what you are working on so that we don't overlap.

I need, for a friend of mine, the Pennsylvania issue of March 20, 1773. Do you have any duplicates?

The Philadelphia Art Museum has written me asking how the leaf designs on the early Pennsylvania currency were produced by Franklin and what type of cuts were used. This is a very intriguing project

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Mr. Richard Hooper

and if you have done any research on the printing of the Pennsylvania currency I would like to know about it. I have a theory that the designs were made in intaglio and the type metal castings were used as cuts. I am not sure whether the original intaglios were copper, or what.

The chance of our meeting really excites me and I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

236 Rice 's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
April 12, 1963.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your nice letter, which I should have answered weeks ago, but it seems that other duties keep my nose to the proverbial grind-stone, and now that Spring has arrived, the yard must be cleaned, the garden dug, some transplanting done, the driveway repaired, some odds and ends of painting, the stromsash removed, and screens soon inserted. All in all, a real bore! And, the rough draft of the article on New Hampshire paper money lies unfinished before me. The photographs will be yellowed with age if I don't soon get it all up in one tidy package and sent off to the ANA or the ANS, I haven't yet decided just which one should be favored with my wonderful brain-child!!

You mentioned in your letter that you were coming to Bryn Mawr the first week-end in June; that sounds fine, but the hitch on my part is that we always open up our mountain cottage that week-end, and expect to go up to the Poconos on May 29th. Our son's birthday is June 1st, and we expect, as has been our custom, to have some of his friends along. Of course, now that he is married, we limit it to another couple or two. What date were you planning on arriving and departing again? I would enjoy so much meeting with you, and if possible, at least have luncheon at the Union League in Philadelphia, if you would be in town as early as May 28th, or June 3rd.

I have noted with keen interest, and offer my congratulations, on all the various activities in which you are engaged in the numismatic field. I just wish that someday I could vote for you as President of the ANA. The Association needs a real eager beaver to push ahead in many areas, especially fostering of study and research, and the de-emphasis of hoarding rolls and proof sets by the hundreds.

I haven't acquired much of interest during the winter, but have had some pleasant visits with Mr. McNulty and Dr. Zigrosser, at the Art Museum re Franklin's using the leaf motif on the reverses of colonial notes, and the method used, inclining to the opinion that they were stereotypes. They showed me many examples of this early work done in Germany, and fascinating. If you have time, do try to stop in and meet them. They have several of my notes there now to study microscopically, etc., and next week I intend popping in on them again to see how their research is progressing. They showed me your letter on the suggested methods used by Her, and will reserve comment until they have completed their work on the subject. Not that it matters a hill of beans to me! But, all of us become interested in one phase of this broad field, and all are important too.

Here are a few items of recent acquisition, don't know if any are of interest or not. This afternoon has been a rewarding one; I worked only half a day, and now am really digging into this pile of unanswered correspondence, yours first thing!

Drop me a line, and should you have duplicates of any kind, they are always acceptable. Next, I must write to Ted Weissbuch; I have his letter of February here also. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours, Dick

April 17, 1963

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your very kind comments with respect to the work I am doing in numismatics. It is certainly true that both of us get real pleasure and satisfaction out of that type of accomplishment.

As to your New Hampshire paper money write up, I presume you will finish it as you have many of the others, and would suggest ANA publication unless it is long enough to make a full monograph for AAS. As long as you have started a pattern with ANA on the publication of similar articles it would not be advisable to change to the AAS NOTES.

I am very interested in the work of Mr. McAulity is doing and although they have not given me much in the way of facts I feel they are on the right track. I certainly think it is necessary, under the circumstances, to identify all of the leaves on the currency. Is there anybody in Botany, or Forestry, who would be in a position to do that as they are obviously all leaves from trees which grew in the Philadelphia area.

I find that the Bryn Mawr graduation is at 10 A. M. on Monday, June 3, and probably we will leave that afternoon after the program. I will be at the Deanery, in Bryn Mawr. I certainly appreciate your kind invitation to lunch but don't see how that is possible under the circumstances. Since you will have been away over the weekend or chance of meeting is problematical.

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April 17, 1963

Mr. Richard Hooper

As to the notes which you were nice enough to send, I do not have the Wamsutta, which is an alteration of the Washtenau Bank in Michigan. If you would let me give you another equivalent item for it I would be most grateful. I am enclosing one which I hope meets with your approval.

My friend has the note you sent and I think is in need of both the A and B plates of the 6 shillings.

You did not answer me on the question of whether you had ever prepared a list as to the actual denominations issued of Colonial notes and I am wondering whether you have undertaken any part of this work.

My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC F. FENMA

EFN/atb

236 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
April 25, 1963.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I am enclosing both letters A & B, which your friend wants in the Lighthouse issue of Penna. colonial notes. I never did complete a listing of denominations issued by the colonies, but do have some additions here and there in notes on the several colonies. As denominations were authorized in the enactments, although some may not have been issued, I feel it will be very difficult to determine just which were or not; some denominations may well have been completely destroyed at redemption, especially if odd denominations were not widely used.

I am to stop in early next week to see McNulty again; had a call the other evening from him. Some few of the leaves are identifiable, I think, as I have noted small maple and beech among those imprints of some notes. I will also ask McNulty if they have done anything along that line.

My son acquired a number of rather scarce large cents recently, and has attributed them well. Some are rarity 6 & 7. His ad will appear in the Coin World in a week or two, I suppose, on them, but if you wish, would be pleased to send you a note of those he has, etc. All are very fine or better.

Well, I will ship these off promptly, and will certainly contact you Graduation week-end, and should something arise that would keep us home then, I'll be in touch with you at once! So, have a good trip East, and I hope the weather will be perfect for the festivities. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



236 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
May 10, 1963.

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter and checks; glad your friend could use them. Here are two items that may be of interest to you at \$25.00 each. A chap sent them in recently. If not desirable, no harm done.

We were up to the cottage last week-end to clean up, hang the drapes, and I washed 42 windows inside and out! Boy! my fingers were tender and yet, by Saturday night almost everything was finished, and Sunday we were able to loaf. I went trout fishing early in the morning, and there is just nothing so wonderful as the singing birds, the rippling brook, the smell of meadow grass heavy with dew, and the peace without din of cars, phones, and people's yakking!

Betts and I have about reached the point, where, if the good Lord is willin' we just may move up there for keeps. Of course, that isn't next year either, but we feel we could really enjoy the mountains all the year and if we didn't want to stay there during the worst three months, we could easily stay with our son, drive on to Florida, visit my sister awhile, etc. It's always lots of fun to conjecture and plan ahead.

Yes, I will certainly try to contact you during your Bryn Mawr festivities, but what with Dick's birthday, their wedding anniversary, and the only long week-end I'll be able to get for some time, I just hate to pass up a good time, mostly of rest.

So, I guess that's about all the news right now; I'll get this off to you, and hope all is well on the Mississippi these warm lovely days'. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Dick', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

May 14, 1963

Mr. Richard Hooper
336 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Sorry, pal, I have both.

Thank you for submitting them.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

Dear Eric: Received returned note O.K. Am sending this for what
it's worth to you. (He is a swell person, as far as I know. Have had
many years contact with Howard. Waverly, Va.
5/14/63
Are you interested in the counterfeit notes? Here are a few other
notes to look over.
Cordially yours,
Dick

It's so nice hearing from you again, seems like old times. Yes, time
surely passes fast, and as for me I stay behind on my unanswered mail
and it will probably remain that way as it seems the older I get the
further behind I become. Even though we rarely have anything to trade
or sell, I am always glad to hear from a friend and to learn that he
is well and getting along O. K. I'm glad to hear you have the article
about ready on New Hampshire and I will be looking forward to reading it
before too long. Yes, I read the article you had on Maryland and enjoyed
it very much. Collecting has been rather static with me for quite some-
time now as practically nothing comes in of any consequence and if and
when something important does show up it is usually priced so high that
I just can't afford it. I've found a number of notes that I would like
very much to obtain, but they are either not for sale or as I said to
rich for my blood. You mentioned "Eric" coming to Philly now soon at
which time you expect a visit from him. Do you mean Eric Newman?
If so, he has a couple of notes I want very badly for my collection
but he is a tough person to make a deal with. He I understand is mostly
a research specialist, but apparently he clings to a thing once he gets
his hand on it. I've tried everything within reason to pry these two
notes from him, but so far I've gotten nowhere. The two notes he has
that I want are a \$100 & \$500 Va. treasury notes which are called
by those that have seen them proofs. They are made up on a rather heavy
pinkish cardboard known as India paper and are of a dull red. I under-
stand the signatures are forgeries as no proofs were supposed to be
signed. He seems to think the 500 is the only one around and perhaps
he is right. However a Mr. Deitrick and old time dealer now deceased
and who once lived in Richmond did have a note of this type several
years ago and it could be the same one Newman has now. I have the \$50.
mate to the above and with his two I would have the treasury notes by
the tail as I have all of those listed by Criswell plus others not
listed. I have two rather unusual Va. colonial pieces that Newman
wants bad, but even so he doesn't seem overly anxious to trade. They
are proofs, unique, unheard of, a fact that Newman admits are genuine
and are of the 1775 issue. He has seen one of them, also Mr. Boyd took
a look at them before he left us and both agree they are proofs, the
first they had seen. A number of people tell me I'm nuts to trade
for the two Va's, but colonial notes have never fascinated me to much
while I have specialized in the Treasury notes. Newman thinks I want
to resell or trade for something bigger, but I've been unable to con-
vince him that if I traded they would remain in my collection for good
and would be used for display at conventions and coin club meetings.

I don't know how much political power you have with this gentlemen, but
if you can convince him of my sincerity, and persuade him to let me
have these two notes, I will see that you are properly rewarded for
your good deed. It would certainly make me happy and complete my set
of notes. I just wrote him, and he will probably give you a screwball
run down on me and our past correspondence regarding these notes.
Well enough of this. Hope all is well with you and let me hear from
you again soon.

Very best regards and all good wishes,
I am sincerely yours,

Edward G. ...

May 24, 1963

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Certainly I collect counterfeits but I have the one which you forwarded. I also have the other items and so has my friend.

I am returning a copy of your letter from Howard Spain and from it you can see that he wants you to use your political power with me. That is like asking me to use my political power on you. He believes people can be pressured. In the past he has asked me many times to exchange the notes I have for something he has and I have declined. From that he concludes that I cling to things once I get them. He likewise makes a lot of other assumptions. The fact that he writes you that I will give you a screwball report on him is amusing.

I will probably see Mr. McNulty over the next week end and will look forward to hearing from you while I am at The Deanery, if you are in town.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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November 22, 1963

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

In accordance with the pleasant conversation we had, I am enclosing herewith a draft of the article to be published in The Numismatist on Nature Printing in view of the fact that you indicate you are working on Pennsylvania material. If you have any technical corrections for this article please do not hesitate to tell me right away.

Although I thank you for helping the Philadelphia Art Museum, which was at my suggestion, I also give you the needles to a mild extent on page 20.

I hope that you find the article of interest.

The 3¢ Feuchwanger 1837 pieces are in the Miller Catalogue at \$150, fine, \$200, uncirculated. The 1864 piece at \$50, fine, \$100 uncirculated.

I am sure that you are fully familiar with the Bullock article on New Hampshire notes.

We just must meet some time as fate has kept us apart too long.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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235 Rice's Mill Road, Wyncote, Penna.,
November 29, 1933.

Dear Eric:

Thank you so much for sending me your manuscript to read over, and you have really outdone yourself in your research, and I want to be the first to congratulate you on this excellent treatise. Knowing something of the spirit with which you tackle any undertaking, I think it is the best you have thus far accomplished, and opens another door into the intricate and obscure knowledge of our colonial currency, as well as adding new lustre to the fantastic abilities of old Ben Franklin!

I hope that when you have this published, you will get many reprints of it, and send me one, autographed, of course. Also, I know the American Philosophical Society and the Penna. Historical Society, would appreciate copies for their libraries.

Your mention of Strahan brings to mind the fact that considerable correspondence took place between the two men. One question comes to mind of the use of certain leaves. Were such used because they made a better impression than others that may have been tried? I suppose some species would quickly wither, or be too pulpy, to make distinct impressions in the moulds.

I hasten to admit my error in referring to the copper-plates. Mainly, my interests long ago veered off in the direction of awakening interest in the colonial note series by endeavoring to give some technical information, some information of colonial economics, along with what could be gathered regarding the signers themselves; the men who were members of Congress, loyalists, and influential in the colonial period. I recently received a letter from a chap in Florida, who wrote that he thought the recent article on Maryland was not up to some of the earlier articles I had written, for I lacked some information about the note signers, which he felt made them more interesting to him, when such was included. Well, I try to include whatever I can find about them, but I am limited to local libraries, etc., and don't have time to pore over the necessary volumes that would be in the Historical Society in Maryland.

And so, many references which you have proven to be in error, have been blindly followed in the past. From the first sketch, in 1944, I've been doing a lot of missionary work in this field to arouse patriotic interest of a sort, as well as to show the perils of inflation, etc., that might appeal more generally to the non-note collector. I think, looking back over some notes and references I've accumulated through the years, that the loose usage of some terms by earlier writers, is in part responsible for taking their material as gospel truth, for those of us who have little knowledge of actual printing might well indulge in the use of incorrect words. We just didn't take the trouble to determine for ourselves the technical aspect of the designs of leaves and cloth backgrounds used by Franklin. It becomes apparent, now that I've read your work, that a scrutiny of the reverses of many notes, the white halo around the perimeter of the leaves would be indicative of having been made by such impressions as you have described so clearly. I've been peering through a glass at the various issues and denominations you have mentioned, and it becomes a fascinating phase of studying those early notes.

It is really exciting to me, as it was with the work you did on the counterfeiting a few years ago, to have such an excellent study added to the too meager store of knowledge in this field, and will greatly abet the interest of all who follow in the ages to come, to better understand these scraps of almost hallowed paper, that are part of our wonderful American heritage, and for those numismatists who take up where we will leave off. Mere possession of the notes is, for me, not as important as showing collectors illustrations of the rare notes, many of which will not be seen by the future generations of collectors. There will always be specimens of specie available, due to the amount coined, and their very durability against the ravages of time and weather, but these old notes are all too perishable.

Turning to the remarks you made during our phone conversation, which I enjoyed so much, I do hope you can negotiate with dear old Harley for his collection. I haven't gotten a thing from him in a long time, and I guess he is going to stick to his Florida material. Of course, the rare notes will bring good prices, but cannot help but feel that the large majority of notes will be difficult to move, much like any coin sets; the few rare Lincoln cents are the ones that sell the set intact. I certainly would appreciate any duplicate notes you don't want to retain for yourself, and perhaps I could take several bites at those notes. It appears that I couldn't pay for the whole amount at any one time, from your account of the number involved.

Well, I guess that is about all for the time being. I'll get the copy of your article off promptly, or was I supposed to keep it? I do want to read through it again, as there are a few things I would like to check out just for my own interest. Anything interesting will certainly be relayed at once, but Eric, I just cannot criticize your paper in any way. The only thing that comes to mind in the reading of it, is that by its very nature it is complicated reading, requiring strict attention to each detail of your writing. But, being technical by nature, there is little that can be done to give it a bit more flavor. I was only thinking in terms of the general reader of the Numismatist.

So, I'll get this off right away, and again, many thanks for permitting me to read this excellent manuscript. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

236 Rice's Mill Road, Sycote, Penna.,
December 3, 1963.

Dear Eric:

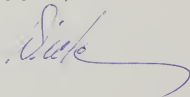
I've been studying you article with great interest, and it has been fun just to check out those different reverses of the 10 sh. notes. As I had a number of them, found everything checked out as you stated.

On Sunday, I received a special delivery package from a chap sending some colonial notes, including 12 or 13 Virginia notes. There were three notes in the lot, measuring 4x5 1/4 inches, of Va. Two were pen dated July 17, 1775, and the third pen dated, March 4, 1773, in \$1, \$3, & \$5 denominations. The one of March 4th, could quite possibly be the one listed as Marc. 1st. It is signed by John Blair and B. Dandridge, while the later ones are signed by Phil. Johnson & John Tazewell. Then, there was a nice specimen of the Va. issue of July 11, 1771, signed by Peyton Randolph and John Blair, for \$3, and a very nice \$5 note of Va. dated April 7, 1762, signed by Randolph and R.C. Nicholas, which latter also endorsed the reverses of the large-size notes. One hardly expects to find such unusual items in a small lot of notes these days! The balance of the lot were common Penna. and Continental Currency notes of late dates.

I've about whipped the New Hampshire article into shape now, but information is meager about the "Granite State," and won't occupy as much as that on Maryland. I don't have Bullock's work you mentioned; where can I get one to study? I'm really hard at work on the Penna. giant-size, thing, and hope ere the robins return, to have it in good shape for completion.

So, keep me in mind for any duplicates and progress on Farley's stuff. I'll keep you posted on whatever turns up here, and perhaps we can trade some things later, when you are in a better position. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



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Yours truly,



December 20, 1963

Mr. Richard Hooper
236 Rice's Mill Road
Wyncote, Penna.

Dear Dick:

I don't want to return your Three Pound note until the Christmas rush is over but, in the meantime, wanted to know whether you were willing to sell it or any of the other 1771 or 1769 Virginia notes. The reason I got this idea is because the sales price was in the envelope.

My best Holiday greetings.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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